

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2025/678**of 1 April 2025****amending Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds and correcting those Annexes as regards certain entries for the United Kingdom****(Text with EEA relevance)**

THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2016 on transmissible animal diseases and amending and repealing certain acts in the area of animal health ('Animal Health Law') ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Articles 230(1) and 232(1) and (3) thereof.

Whereas:

- (1) Regulation (EU) 2016/429 provides that consignments of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin must come from a third country or territory, or zone or compartment thereof, listed in accordance with Article 230(1) of that Regulation in order to enter the Union.
- (2) Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 ⁽²⁾ lays down the animal health requirements that consignments of certain species and categories of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin, from third countries or territories, or zones thereof, or compartments thereof in the case of aquaculture animals, must comply with in order to enter the Union.
- (3) Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 ⁽³⁾ lays down the lists of third countries, or territories, or zones thereof, from which the entry into the Union of the species and categories of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin falling within the scope of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 is permitted. Those lists and certain general rules concerning those lists are set out in Annexes I to XXII to that Implementing Regulation.
- (4) More particularly, Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 set out the lists of third countries, or territories, or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union, respectively, of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds.
- (5) Canada has notified the Commission of two outbreaks of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) in poultry in the provinces of Nova Scotia and Ontario which were confirmed on 21 March 2025 and 24 March 2025, respectively, by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (6) The United Kingdom has notified the Commission of an outbreak of HPAI in poultry in the county of Durham, England, which was confirmed on 26 March 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 84, 31.3.2016, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2016/429/oj>.

⁽²⁾ Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2020/692 of 30 January 2020 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards rules for entry into the Union, and the movement and handling after entry of consignments of certain animals, germinal products and products of animal origin (OJ L 174, 3.6.2020, p. 379, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2020/692/oj).

⁽³⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 of 24 March 2021 laying down the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof from which the entry into the Union of animals, germinal products and products of animal origin is permitted in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/429 of the European Parliament and of the Council (OJ L 114, 31.3.2021, p. 1, ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2021/404/oj).

- (7) The United States has notified the Commission of six outbreaks of HPAI in poultry in the states of Illinois (1), Indiana (2), Mississippi (1), New Jersey (1) and Pennsylvania (1), which were confirmed between 12 March 2025 and 21 March 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (8) Following those recent outbreaks of HPAI, the veterinary authorities of Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States established restricted zones of at least 10 km around the affected establishments and implemented a stamping-out policy to control the presence of HPAI and limit the spread of that disease.
- (9) Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States have submitted information to the Commission on the epidemiological situation on their territories and the measures taken to prevent the further spread of HPAI following those recent HPAI outbreaks.
- (10) That information has been evaluated by the Commission. In view of the animal health situation in the areas under restrictions established by the veterinary authorities of Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States, the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds from those areas concerned by the recent outbreaks should be suspended, in order to protect the animal health status of the Union. Therefore, the entries for Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.
- (11) In addition, Canada has provided updated information to the Commission in relation to the epidemiological situation on its territory as regards HPAI that gave rise to the suspension of the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, as set out in Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404.
- (12) On 19 March 2025, Canada submitted updated information on the epidemiological situation in relation to an outbreak of HPAI in poultry in the province of Quebec, which was confirmed on 30 January 2025 by laboratory analysis (RT-PCR).
- (13) Canada informed the Commission that, following that outbreak of HPAI, it has implemented a stamping out policy in order to control and limit the spread of that disease, and has also completed the requisite cleaning and disinfection following the implementation of the stamping out policy on the infected poultry establishment.
- (14) The Commission has evaluated the information submitted by Canada, and considers that it has provided appropriate guarantees that the animal health situation that gave rise to the suspension of the entry of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds into the Union from the affected zone, as set out in Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404, no longer represents a threat to animal health in the Union, and that, consequently, the entry into the Union of those consignments from the affected zone of Canada, from which entry into the Union had been suspended, should be reauthorised. Therefore, the entries for Canada in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 and in Part 2 of Annex V, and the table set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be amended accordingly.
- (15) In addition, Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641 ⁽⁴⁾ amended Annexes V, XIV and XV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 in order to, *inter alia*, lift the suspension of the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, and of fresh meat of poultry and game birds from zone GB-2.351 in the United Kingdom, by adding the opening date of 8 March 2025 in the entries for that zone in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex V, and in Section B, Part 1, of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404. On 26 March 2025, the United Kingdom informed the Commission that this zone had erroneously been reported as eligible for reopening, as the requisite surveillance in that zone had not yet been completed.

⁽⁴⁾ Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/641 of 25 March 2025 amending Annexes V, XIV and XV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 as regards the entries for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Canada, the Republic of North Macedonia, the United Kingdom and the United States in the lists of third countries, territories or zones thereof authorised for the entry into the Union of consignments of poultry and germinal products of poultry, of fresh meat of poultry and game birds, and of meat products from poultry (OJ L, 2025/641, 26.3.2025 ELI: http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg_impl/2025/641/oj).

Therefore, this zone should not have been reopened. In order to protect the animal health status of the Union, it is necessary to correct this and delete the opening dates for the zone GB-2.351 in the entries for the United Kingdom in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex V, and in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404. Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should be corrected accordingly.

- (16) Taking into account the new HPAI outbreaks in Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, and in order to avoid any unnecessary disruption in trade with Canada, the amendments to be made to Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 by this Regulation should take effect as a matter of urgency.
- (17) The correction of the opening dates for the zone GB-2.351 in the entries for the United Kingdom in the tables set out in Section B, Part 1 of Annex V, and in Section B, Part 1 of Annex XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 should apply from the date of entry into force of Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/641, namely 27 March 2025.
- (18) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Standing Committee on Plants, Animals, Food and Feed,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Amendments to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are amended in accordance with Annex I to this Regulation.

Article 2

Corrections to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are corrected in accordance with Annex II to this Regulation.

Article 3

This Regulation shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

However, Article 2 shall apply from 27 March 2025.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 1 April 2025.

For the Commission
The President
Ursula VON DER LEYEN

ANNEX I
Amendments to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are amended as follows:

(1) Annex V is amended as follows:

(a) in Part 1, Section B is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.256 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.256	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1	30.1.2025	26.3.2025'
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(ii) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for zones CA-2.261 and CA-2.262 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.260:

'CA Canada	CA-2.261	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1	21.3.2025	
	CA-2.262		N, P1	24.3.2025'	

(iii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following row for the zone GB-2.369 is added after the row for the zone GB-2.368:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.369	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1	26.3.2025'	
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(iv) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1006 to US-2.1011 are added after the row for the zone US-2.1005:

'US United States	US-2.1006	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1	12.3.2025	
	US-2.1007		N, P1	18.3.2025	
	US-2.1008		N, P1	18.3.2025	
	US-2.1009		N, P1	20.3.2025	
	US-2.1010		N, P1	20.3.2025	
	US-2.1011		N, P1	21.3.2025'	

(b) Part 2 is amended as follows:

(i) in the entry for Canada, the following descriptions of zones CA-2.261 and CA-2.262 are added after the description of the zone CA-2.260:

'Canada	CA-2.261	Nova Scotia - Latitude 44.35, Longitude - 64.46 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Conquerall Bank, Crouse's Settlement, Dayspring, Middle LaHave, Pleasantville, Upper LaHave, and West LaHave 10km SZ: Blockhouse, Bridgewater, Conquerall Bank, Conquerall Mills, Cookville, Crouse's Settlement, Crousetown, Dayspring, Dublin Shore, East LaHave, Fauxburg, Hebbs Cross, Hebbville, LaHave, Lunenburg, Middle LaHave, Oakhill, Petite Rivière Bridge, Pine Grove, Pleasantville, Rhodes Corner, Spectacle Lakes, Upper LaHave, West LaHave, Whynotts Settlement, and Wileville
	CA-2.262	Ontario - Latitude 42.89, Longitude - 82.17 The municipalities involved are: 3km PZ: Petrolia and St. Clair 10km SZ: Brigden, Corunna, Enniskillen, Mooretown, Oil Springs, Petrolia, Sarnia, and St. Clair'

(ii) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following description of the zone GB-2.369 is added after the description of the zone GB-2.368:

'United Kingdom	GB-2.369	near Blaydon, Blaydon and Conssett, Durham, England, GB the area contained with a circle of a radius of 10 km, centred on WGS84 dec, coordinates Lat: N54.91 and Long: W1.73'
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(iii) in the entry for the United States, the following descriptions of the zones US-2.1006 to US-2.1011 are added after the description of the zone US-2.1005:

'United States	US-2.1006	State of Mississippi Noxubee 01 Noxubee County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 88.5306434°W 33.2931223°N)
	US-2.1007	State of Indiana Adams 03 Adams County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 84.9971253°W 40.7037781°N)
	US-2.1008	State of Indiana Jay 11 Jay County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 84.8033389°W 40.5893466°N)

	US-2.1009	State of New Jersey Atlantic 01 Atlantic County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 74.5764859°W 39.4525709°N)
	US-2.1010	State of Illinois Crawford 01 Crawford County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 87.5953650°W 38.9845468°N)
	US-2.1011	State of Pennsylvania Franklin 01 Franklin County: A circular zone of a 10 km radius starting with North point (GPS coordinates: 77.5979868°W 40.1166363°N)

(2) in Annex XIV, in Part 1, Section B is amended as follows:

(a) in the entry for Canada, the row for the zone CA-2.256 is replaced by the following:

'CA Canada	CA-2.256	POU, RAT	N, P1	30.1.2025	26.3.2025
		GBM	P1	30.1.2025	26.3.2025'

(b) in the entry for Canada, the following rows for the zones CA-2.261 and CA-2.262 are added after the row for the zone CA-2.260:

'CA Canada	CA-2.261	POU, RAT	N, P1	21.3.2025	
		GBM	P1	21.3.2025	
	CA-2.262	POU, RAT	N, P1	24.3.2025	
		GBM	P1	24.3.2025'	

(c) in the entry for the United Kingdom, the following row for the zone GB-2.369 is added after the row for the zone GB-2.368:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.369	POU, RAT	N, P1	26.3.2025	
		GBM	P1	26.3.2025'	

(d) in the entry for the United States, the following rows for the zones US-2.1006 to US-2.1011 are added after the rows for the zone US-2.1005:

United States	US-2.1006	POU, RAT	N, P1		12.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		12.3.2025	
	US-2.1007	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		18.3.2025	
	US-2.1008	POU, RAT	N, P1		18.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		18.3.2025	
	US-2.1009	POU, RAT	N, P1		20.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		20.3.2025	
	US-2.1010	POU, RAT	N, P1		20.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		20.3.2025	
	US-2.1011	POU, RAT	N, P1		21.3.2025	
		GBM	P1		21.3.2025'	

ANNEX II
Corrections to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404

Annexes V and XIV to Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/404 are corrected as follows:
(1) in Annex V, in Part 1, in Section B, in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.351 is replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.351	BPP, BPR, DOC, DOR, SP, SR, POU-LT20, HEP, HER, HE-LT20	N, P1		27.1.2025'
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(2) in Annex XIV, in Part 1, in Section B, in the entry for the United Kingdom, the row for the zone GB-2.351 is replaced by the following:

'GB United Kingdom	GB-2.351	POU, RAT	N, P1		27.1.2025
		GBM	P1		27.1.2025'